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In re Application of:	§	
Kuorong Chiang	§	Group Art No. 2171
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Serial No.: 09/864,824	§	
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Filed: May 24, 2001	§	Examiner: Leslie Wong
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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR INCLUSION	§	
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JOINS IN RELATIONAL DATABASES	§	Attorney Docket No.: 9744

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111 TO
NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 27, 2003**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed October 27, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action.

As the three-month shortened statutory period for reply ended January 27, 2004, a one month Petition for Extension of Time, with the appropriate fee, is being filed contemporaneously with this Response, to extend the period for reply to February 27, 2004. Therefore, this Response is considered timely filed.

Amendments to the Drawings are reflected in the Replacement Drawings which are attached to this Response.

Amendments to the Claims, if any, are reflected in the "Listing of Claims" which begins on page 5 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this Response.